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I care a lot about her before I got her letter but now I am a different man. Bob and others have told me that this would happen but I didn't believe them. There must not be a woman that can be trusted if Grace couldn't be trusted. I know there are now that I can. Of course I am not talking about married women and my sister.

I want you to write Grace or send her a card of congratulations. There is no need for us to hate each other just because she wanted to get married. It may be the best for us in the long run, especially her. You know how women are these days. People say I am not human because I say it is no need of such actions.

You want to bring Bettye Jean up in a way that she won't think of doing the wrong thing. She is of age to know what life is all about. And if she is not coached she may be easy led by some of the girls and boys she fools around with. I know because I was that age once. Bob and I are going to do all we can to see that she gets what she wants so she will have no excuse to do a wrong.

We got two long letters from you Wednesday. They really looked good. The old boat kept is waiting quite a while. Bob is going to write you often now! He knows what letters mean to you. He is a busy man though. The show job keeps him on the move; it is his vereation period though.

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We have dentists here but they have more than they can think of doing. They have three chairs for the 4000 men plus the officers, officer wives and children. The boy that cleaned my teeth is one of the medical corps boys. He works for a captain. He used the captain's tools and chair. Bob did get his teeth cleaned. I paid for the work out of my salary. Allen and I are in business. I get 25¢ and he gets a dollar. All I do is tell him that someone wants their cleaned and he does the work. He is not a very good partner though he cleans teeth only when he wants to. I don't like that kind of business. I haven't asked anyone to have teeth cleaned yet, but I have made two or three dollars.

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And one roll was not exposed. I don't know how it happened. They were nice about it. They are sending it back to me. They want me to send it back to them when we take eight exposures.

We would like to hear from Mandi Lee and others that owe us a letter. Don't fail to send her our address. O yes, we want Charlie's address too.

I'm going to bring this to a close for I am ready for bed and the lights are about to go out. I will write you again soon. Be sweet and take care of yourself and your friends.

Lots of love to all,

Love, Brock

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Dear Mother,

I suppose you think we are slowing up on our letters but it seems that they don't send but one boat to the coast a week. This won't leave until Friday. I wrote Ava last Sat. and I haven't mailed it yet on account of it's no use. It's been a week since a boat came in so expect we will get a couple of letters tomorrow, hope anyway.

Brock took me down to meet the Cady's Sunday and we had a wonderful time. I have been in a ton of homes but none as friendly as theirs. We went in and talked about 30 min and she made us pull our coats and ties off. Her daughter came in in a little later and boy was she good looking and friendly as can be. A little while after she came she was pulling our shoes off to teach us to do the hula dance. She was on one side and her mother was on the other trying to shake our hips loose. After we quit dancing we all sprawled out in the middle of the floor and I enjoyed it so much. She also served us tea and coffee, hot chocolate and brandy. We staved till about 11:00. She kissed us by told us to come back. They are really wonderful. They are also getting us dates for Friday night. Brock is taking her daughter (Marjorie). You know this is the first date in about a year and a half so I am all excited over it. I think Brock fell for Margie and I can't blame him. It will help him to forget Grace too. We called up and got reservations at "Loi Yu Chai". Kinda expensive but of course that's the places they go to. I expect Brock will get a good lesson in dancing too, for she can really dance. I think she will teach him how, she had better for we are going to spend his money that I was going to give him dancing for the party. I also borrowed \$10. I sure wish we had a car. We could really have a swell time. These taxis run up into money. They are 25¢ instead of 10¢ so our taxi bill will run \$7 or \$8. It will be a new experience too. I have never had a date without a car. I won't know what to do but will find out I suppose. I hope we can get a better rating so we can go out every once and a while, and it will take some clothes too. We are going to try to get a few next month and would like to get a dinner jacket and a tuxedo before we get home. For now we are in society if we can stand it. It's a brake that very few get over here. It would make this other year pass quick too. I like it better already.

Did I tell you about our Presidents Ball Party. We had a lovely time, but didn't dance much on account of we didn't know anyone, but we made all the high spots and both. We were big shots you know. But I am sure we will have a better time Friday night. I can hardly wait.

I am going to wait until tomorrow and get your letter before I finish so will be seeing you.

(I didn't get to finish your letter) will later.

Love, Bob

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Mr. Talmage B. Thornhill Mr. James R. Thornhill 17th Air Base Sqd. Hickam Field Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Messrs. Thornhill:

Re; Pols. #12 028 260 12 028 265

We acknowledge receipt of your signed change of address forms and change of beneficiary forms on the two above numbered policies, however, we are unable to proceed with the change in beneficiary until we have received the policies. Kindly forward them to this Office at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

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If you will execute the above suggestion we will have our insurance in the right hands (yours). I told them that our address was Magnolia and to send all letters to you.

We got a receipt for a year's payment too, that's what looks good to me. We won't have to send another check for a year.

I got the letter you wrote just after you heard from me and what I thought about Grace getting married. I don't know how it happened but you told me just what I thought when I got her letter.

It's strange how one can [damage] so much about a person when that person does something wrong which concerns a friend. I don't know what she had in mind, I may never know. She knows what she did and I know one thing she did. She drew the parting line of our close friendship. I will be her friend but I will never feel toward her as I did last year. Just like I said before if she could write a letter like she did I could call it quits without shedding a tear.

No mother, I do not class everybody around one person. I give everyone a chance to [burned] me what they are. I was thinking of the old saying "you can't trust any woman". Bob told me that about Grace but I wouldn't believe him. I don't speak of people I don't know. They are to me what I can see in them. Grace is a friend but she can't be trusted (there are hundreds just like her). I have you and the family therefore I have all I can ask for,

I love you,

Brock

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We have been moving today in our new office. It is going to be much better when we get straightened out.

We had a plane to crash Tuesday and a lot of excitement of course. There were 6 in it and they were going to the big island about 9:30 at night. One of the engines stopped and they had too big of a load for just one. The last [unreadable] they got from them was that they would be forced to land and of course we thought they had gone down in the water. We sent out all the planes searching for them and one spotted them the next day about 9:00 o'clock. They made it to the island and crashed in a deep valley about a mile deep. The only way to get to them is by boat so they have a party going after them. They were supposed to get there today and will probably get here tomorrow or Sat. We dropped them food and blankets from a plane, and also a note asking if they were alright and if so to wave a flag so they waved the flag so they must not be hurt very bad. The plane is completely ruined.

Brock and I put in for the C.A.A. course downtown last week so we figure if we don't pass the Randolph exam we can take that. It only cost \$6 for a physical exam so we go down to get it next week. I have really been studying the past two weeks. Seems like I don't have time for anything. I take my book to the office and study there in my spare time. If I don't pass it won't be my fault. I keep Brock pretty busy every night too. I do hope I can pass it. The King boy is going back Tuesday. Strickland hadn't heard when he will go, but I am sure it well won't be long. Brock has got to have his credits from Summit before he can take his exam so rush it back as soon as possible for I want him to take it in May. I'm sure he will pass it alright. I will be happy if we both make it for it is really worthwhile.

I sure am glad you all had a big day at Ava's and she enjoyed it so much. Too bad the car and to go and break down. Hope it don't give you any more trouble. We got the pictures of Sue and the house. That Sue is the cutest thing I have ever seen. I can't hardly wait to see her. I don't know whether Ava is going to agree with you keeping her this summer or not, bet she don't. She was right when she said she didn't have a yard for she hadn't got any. I [unreadable] she has a lot of flowers in it, ha. Anyway it won't be hard to keep mowed will it. From all accounts you all don't like Natchez much. I don't know much about it but I didn't like the looks of it. Ava said Major is going to try to transfer back to McComb, hope he can.

I sure was glad to hear that you got a boarder for that room. Hope you can keep him. Our bills are running pretty [damage] this month. \$12 for physical exam, \$15 to [damage] to uncle Hobson and I owe \$10 besides toilet articles and [unreadable].

We are planning on going down to see Mrs.. Cady Sunday eve. We called them up the other day and she wondered why we hadn't been back. We will make up for lost time now.

B.J. how are you coming in the music. Bet you can play most anything now.

I quit work at the theater Monday night. It took too much of my time and too I wasn't making anything either.

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Love, Bob

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Listen I want you to check on when that apartment is rented and if they have it rented. I'm not paying \$5. Let me know soon hear?

Did you go out to place? Mother if Gelks' can pay you \$50. I'd like to see them get it. Has he seen McLeod Yet? Who was the other family? Who drove you?

I guess I lost my patterns. Did B. Jean ask Nell about them? Bet she has them.

Major, Sue, & I walked down to river last night. It's only 7 blocks from here. The bridge is beautiful at night. We explored business section of town. I guess I'll [unreadable] get adjusted after I've been her a while. Rcon? We trade at Super Service Store and it's a huge thing. Stays open till 9 at night so we can shop after supper. Shu had a picnic last night had Major all over place. I have the wash woman don't know what she'll be like yet.

Have you heard from boys? Seems ages since I read their letter. Send one to me for will be good while before I hear from them here.

Have you heard from Aunt Babe yet? I wrote she and Edna a card. Be glad when my mail get's started. I need it.

Sue is swell. Not even runny nose. Has two more crooked upper teeth but not so bad as other one. She is sleeping late here in mornings and I am glad. Then doesn't take nap till afternoon & gives me time to rest when I get where I can.

I have cramps this morn and am nursing hot pad as usual. Guess I always will. Huh?

Major said if B. Jean has Miss Ott she has best teacher she's ever had. I bet she'll like it much better there. How is basketball coming? Bet she makes the string. How's her dress coming? Tell her I want her to have it on Xmas. How is her permanent? I do hope it does good. Her hair worries me. Let her have it set every [unreadable] anyway and tell her to sleep in net every night. I'm gonna get mine Xmas. I sure need one bad. Gonna put henna on mine and if have time on B. Jeans. Think you can stand 2 red heads?

No news so will close and write boys. I wrote them short note Monday. I'm gonna write you long letter once a week & fill in cards now & then. Time I keep house and Sue mostly Sue. Ha. write boys and few more people I'll have my time taken. I'm gonna make Sue's two dresses.

We're enrolling her in cradle roll Sunday and go to Sunday School. Church is 3 blocks away. Love, Ava

*The letter from Feb 27, 1941 refers to Bessie's visiting Ava in Natchez, this letter talks about Sue's teeth coming in, which would indicate she is about 1-2 years old. This letter also mentions the family going on a picnic and walking to the Mississippi river, indicating nice weather, not cold or hot.

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Today will be my first day in electricity. That is why I am pushed for time. I have a long lesson that I should study. Who knows I may get to write you a longer letter to send out o next boat.

I went up to see Bob last night to get the letters her wrote you but I didn't see him. He is studying every chance he gets. You will be surprised to know what he has learned in the past ten days. He means to learn something, believe it or not. You do I know.

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I need my credits from the college but he doesn't want to let them go until I pay my bill. Isn't there some way to make him turn them loose? I wrote him a nice letter this morning. I don't know how much good it will do. Here is where you come in. I have no time to waste. Every minute is to be guarded. I don't like to ask this of you mother but I have got to have those credits by first of next month. You go to him and see what he tells you. If he won't let you have them see Paul Johnson or someone.

Why do I need the credits? The office is holding up my application for Randolf. If I get the credits I won't have to take the exam. You know what that means. I am not afraid of the exam, but it will be best if I can get in without taking the exam. Tell Mr. Kenna that I am going to pay him the chicken feed I owe him. Why would he let \$50 stand between me and a future. If he has a heart at all he will let me have what I ask.

He will get my letter the same day as you get this one. If you will see him on that date or a day later we may have him where we want him. If you get what I want send it to me my clipper(20¢). I would have sent his letter by clipper but the next clipper doesn't leave until the 23rd.

I am glad that you got your man boarder. Your income for last month looked good to me. Maybe you will make a good hostess after all. You said the girls moved into one room. Do they pay same board as payed for one room? I don't know much about your business. If they pay same you made a great deal. You will have the other room taken in a couple of months.

I got a letter from Marjorie las week. She didn't say anything about Grace and her engagement. There is something fishy going on back there. I can't let such bother me for I am through with women for a while.

I hope Mr. Mitchell is right. If you get the land back the place will sell easy. It will do us good to know that Mr. Walter didn't get to keep his bargain too.

There was nothing wrong with your report card Bettye Jean. If you averaged B the first semester with what you had to contend with you will make all A's from now on. Make A's in you books; first string in basketball; and a good Saxophone player and you will have them all beat.

Don't you worry about the bill with Sears. Ava will take care of it if she said she would. If you had to make an extra payment she will pay it back. I will see to that personally. We are going to work together so we can all be on top in the near future. I

don't think I would want to loose my refrigerator either. She hated to ask you to pay the bill just like I hated to ask you to pay Mr. Kenna a visit.

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Bob has his papers in for Randolf exam too. He was down yesterday for some books to study. I think we will make the grade soon.

Good day and good luck. I will see you again soon. Lots of love to all.

Brock

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Dearest Mother and BJ,

Nothing is wrong so don't get excited. If you are calm I will tell you why I sent this air mail. No need to tell you though for the money order speaks as loud as words. I have decided to pay Southwest what Bob and I owe. The statement Miss Gent sent me comes to \$43.20. Make her figure the total up again. It could be that she made a mistake before. She says Bob owes her better than four dollars but she owes him that much we want [damage] over that though. If she says \$43.70 pay her but don't pay no more. Just a minute if Mr. Kenna but you have my hours you need not pay my bill. I would like very much to make this personal. But I have got to have my hours at all cost. Give all teachers our regards.

We got two long letters from you today. I enjoy them to the fullest. The picture of Sue is precious. I like the looks of Ava's house too. If the back is like everyone says there should be a wire put up. If there is danger it is all but murder to let it go without being fixed. We got a letter from Ava too. It was written before you went to see her. I am sure you had a big time while there.

I got another letter from Grace this morning. The first since the first of January. She wrote just after she received my letter. She said my letter made her think but she didn't go into details only did [damage] she want going to get married now [ink stain] marry Claude. I won't say it was my letter that brought about the change but I do know that I told her enough to make some kind of a change. She didn't even till her mother about their plans. If I hadn't written Mrs. Butler she wouldn't have known it. I am glad that Grace is not marrying Claude for her good only; I am not interested my self.

The dancing lessons have not begun. I am thinking I starting but have not made the move. A have enough to think about right now. I am studying for Randolf. I am going to put in for CAA when they send me application blanks, my name is in for mechanic school too. When all is settled I will think of dancing. Bob and I studied geometry all afternoon. He stopped working at the theatre last night. He has everything to gain and nothing to lose. His work there was a pass time but studying is a better pass time and more valuable. We will be ready for the test in May.

By the way, send me my hours by clipper. I want them as soon as possible. I hope they are on their way now but I have my doubts.

Bettye Jean, mother will give you two dollars to go in your bank. I would send more but you know why. I know two dollars is a small sum but you will have to wait. The money is for a good cause mother so you may let her have it and not ask what she may want to do with it.

Now that your house is full what are you going to do; you can't look for a boarder for you don't have room for one. I am glad that you got all rooms full. You better squeeze a dollar her and there for an unlucky day may come. We all hope that day will

never come through. All ways remember don't be late in asking for what you need. If you can see a dark day ahead let us know and we will put a light there for you. We don't make much but that is yours if you need it.

You are a good driver so don't let anybody keep you in. Get our and drive to your heart is content. Take a few minutes out back day to get out and get plenty fresh air and sunshine.

Bettye Jean, how many pieces can you play on your saxophone. Keep up the good work. Love and Kisses to all.

Brock

Bob will write big letter soon and will help out with another note

Hickam J. N. april 9, 1941 Dear mother and Bettye Jean, It not only seems long but it has been ages since I wrote last. There wasn't much need of writing though for no boat left lately I am still on my toes. a lat of may time is taken up with my sludiges but at stell have time to write you. I don't recall where I lift off in my last letter soll, will commune with last Thursday night as you know we three visited ams. Cady's Jamily and two of their girl friends! The first thing was a piece of years for Candy. Catherine Couldn't rest till I ato a seece of her candy that was full of salt. I don't see why any one would muss up good with salt, lo you! na lend Edith were at mis. Cady's we arrived. The Carmal pie was for us low. She served the give with hat chacklate; my Javorite. The piece had a delicions flavor bestit was rather Raft. It was her first time to try the recingt and too she used too much mille. She dicided different about the alam. She found out what you meant. When I told

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As you know we three visited Mrs. Cady's family and two if their girlfriends. The first thing was a piece of April fool candy. Catherine couldn't rest till I ate apiece of her candy that was full of salt. I don't see why anyone would mess up good candy with salt, do you!

Donna and Edith were at Mrs.. Cady's when we arrived. The caramel pie was [damage] us too. She served the pie with hot chocolate, my favorite. The pie had a delicious flavor but it was rather soft. It was her first time to try the recipe and too she used too much milk. She decided different about the cream. She found out what you meant. When I told

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Mrs Bersie Thornhill Bat # 205 Magnolia, mirrings

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Dear Mother and Betty Jean,

Well how is every one today? I am OK except for one thing. I woke up last night about 11:30 with a terrible tooth ache and I went down to the dispensary and a boy got a couple of fillings and so it would quit hurting until today. I went back this morning and the Dr. pulled two of them in my left jaw. They were [unreadable] he said. It feels like the whole side of my mouth is out. I hated to see them pulled but suppose it's the best thing to do. It makes an ugly hole in the back of my mouth but you can't tell it from the front.

Well B.J. I suppose you had a swell time at the contest. I can hardly wait to hear from it. Maybe next year you will be playing in it. How did you like sleeping in the hotel?

I am wondering how court is coming out. I do hope you get the land back for it will make the place worth more and too I want to see them loose it. That was mean of him selling N.C. the house and things, but couldn't expect nothing else from him. I am wondering if he is going to Panama or not. I have my doubts. We got a note from him saying he was going. I hope he does for that's the kind of place for him. I expect he will like it.

We got a nice letter from Ava this morning. She seems to be feeling a lot better. She sent a picture of the negro girl holding Sue. It was real cute. Said Major was back at work too. It is the first decent letter we have had from her in a good while.

Brock, Ray, J.C. and I went down to the Brock broadcast [unreadable]. I have been planning on it a long time but finally made it. We made few pictures and came back to town and bought us a pair of shoes and a few other things. We got supper and went home. Sunday Harper, William and I went around the Island on his motorcycle. We had lots of fun. We got in a rain about half way around and got wet. We started up on the Pilu, that's a road going up a mountain which is about 3000 ft. high. It goes almost straight up. It was my first time to go up. We got back about 5 o'clock. My face is blistered now but will be well soon.

We will go down to the library Sunday for some kind of entertainment. Mrs. Cady is on the committee and she asked us to her home afterwards. So sure we will have a swell time. We bought her a small gift for Mother's Day. Brock got it this evening so I don't know what he has.

You ask about the ice box. I think it's a good idea for I know you need it and it will come in handy lots.

That garden sounds like a life saver. I bet it does save a good bit too. I hope you are lucky enough to keep your house full through the summer.

We got the suits and they sure will come in handy. I think I will have enough to buy one now. Brock will need a couple pair of pants. We sent uncle Hopson the final payment on car so that's paid.

No news so will see you later,

Love, Bob







Miss Bettye Jan Thomhell Box 205 Magnotia Mississige

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PACIFIC

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Dearest Mother and B.J.

Your oldest son is on "K.P." His first day was the fifth of the month; his last day will be December 5. I was luck to get my duty as a "K.P." The K.P. chaser is a close friend. Hi is the mess Sergeants right hand man. This friend call me to one side my first day and told me of a job that is almost no job that would cost me a few dollars. He could get anyone to take it but he gave me the break. I accepted the offer. I have to get up at five but I don't start working until 8:15. I eat at five. Then I come back to bed until 7:30 or 8:00. I work until 9 or 9:30 and I am through until 1:30. I work until 2:30 in the afternoon. So you see I work about three hours a day; the others work three meals a day, sweep and mop up after every meal. The finish at 6:30 at night. Would you have accepted the offer that was made to me? He asked for \$3 which is only a drop in the bucket. Some boys pay that much to get off one day. It goes to show that it's who you know in the Army and not what you know. Eighty five percent of the men and charge can be bought. It's a racket. The men in my squadron are all he time asking me what kind of a job I have or how do you manage to stay on your bunk instead of in the kitchen. I tell them that I am the supply sergeant. The NCOs that sleep near me are all the time asking qu3estions that shouldn't interest them. They are non-commissioned officers and it is in their head that they are to tell us what to do. I feel like cutting them short sometimes or asking them what is it to them what I do. After all I am the one living my life. They are my friends but still I don't like the way they do or the way they talk. I act like I am in a room by myself. I do what I want to do at any time of the night and day.

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I stayed in yesterday and last night. Chester Graborek and I went swimming in the Hickam Field pool yesterday afternoon. It opened Sunday morning. It is one of the largest I've seen over here. I may visit it often.

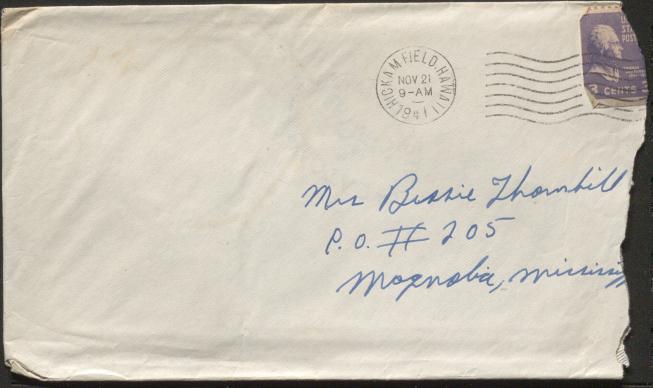
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I am still on "K.P." working two or three hours a day. I do some reading and a little writing. I should be studying for the A.M. test that I take in December. I took the practical yesterday and was asked about 30 or 40 questions about the engines of an airplane. I don't know what kind of a grade he will give me. I didn't know all the answers but I knew a lot of them.

Sorry that there is not news at this time. Maybe I well have something to tell you in the next letter. Be sweet and remember that I love you dearly.

Love

Brock



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By the way did you know that you addressed your last letter to Honolulu, Miss. and it took 16 days to get here. I went to New Orleans and they changed it to Hawaii.

I am doing OK in school and like it fine. I made 87 this week, but we have a hard test next week so expect it might drop a little but will try to keep it up. I have 10 more weeks now and will be glad when it is over.

So they hadn't heard from daddy yet. Well neither have I and it don't bother me at all for I am not interested. I hope the trial will turn out OK and will be glad when it's over. I don't see why you would have any trouble with it and if he is not there it should be easy.

It sounds as the cousin Fattie is about done for. I am glad he went back home. It would have been nice if he had kicked them both out of the back door. I can't [unreadable] anyone doing something like that.

Too bad about Webb being sick. Hope he gets over it real soon. So Hobart has moved. Well I imagine they will like it much better for I can see why they wouldn't get along.

Well tomorrow is Thanksgiving and I know I will be so full I can hardly see all afternoon and night. We have a big dinner on the field and Brock, Carbian, Betty and I are dining & dancing tomorrow night with a big dinner. I got Brock a date with Carbian (Betty's friend) and I am sure he will like her very much. If she is anything like Betty I am sure he will. Betty and I had a wonderful time on the Beach Sunday. She had a darn good dinner with fried chicken & all the trimmings. We stayed out until about 10:00 and came back to town. I am having a better time than I have ever had and time is flying by.

We go down to Mrs.. Cady's Sunday evening for a big dinner and know we will have a big time. We went to an orchid show with them Sat Night and they saw beautiful ones wish you could have seen them.

We don't know when the boat goes out any more. They won't let them publish the schedule any more so we just write and hope it gets there.

It looks as though I have run out of anything to write so will see you later.

Love, Bob

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Dearest ones,

Here is the letter I promised you. But first of all I will tell you what I want you to do for me for Xmas. Send Mrs.. and Mr. Katherine Cady a Xmas card (a nice one about 10¢ or 15¢) 2093 Matt-Smith Dr. You don't know the sons it's okay for you to send them one too. Mr. and Mrs.. Kenneth Emerson, 3499 Alani Dr. Most important is something to Marjorie Cady-Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington. You should know what she would like better than I. A sack of pecans, a fruit cake, or some present that is a part of the south. I should send her something from here but I don't know what to get her.

You asked for my measurements. Here they are: Shirt 14½-33-Trousers 31-34½. Bob will tell you his. I think his shirt is 15-33 and trousers 32-34. Who won the argument?

I haven't had as many dates as I should have had but I will tell you what I did for pass time. Keep in mind that I am on <u>K.P.</u> I am lost before I start I don't even know what day to begin with. I do know that Bob, Tom King, and I dropped by to see the Cady's after we had dinner in town one day last week. They were vad to attend an orchid parade at the art academy. I saw some beautiful flowers and all of them were orchids. All sizes, colors, and shapes. Mrs. Cady enjoyed it better than I for she knows more about flowers.

Barbara, Chester Grabuck, and I went to the circus last Friday night. It was Barbra's first since she was eight years old. She was scared to ride the whip and Farris wheel so we went to two shows. The first was to see the people ride motorcycles on the tank. If you haven't seen this do so at the next fair. Barbara and others got plenty scared. The crazy man and woman went all over that tank, up and down and around about 8" from the top. I enjoyed it because it takes nerves to ride like that.

The second show was the circus. Bears, seals, and monkeys that are trained better than I. The trapeze stunts were good too.

We left the circus and stopped at Speeds for foot longs and coca colas (circus food). I had to get Barbara home early for she had to work the next day. She enjoyed the evening immensely. I could tell for she is not used to things like that.

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The dance was over; I saw Barbara to her car. On my way to the Barracks I saw Clayton Broyles, a driver of a command car for some of the girls. He asked me to go in with him; I did. There were two girls; sisters. I sat between them and Broyles drove them home. The girls were cute and partial interesting. Broyles and I were back on the post at 1:15.

Brock

The dancing class that I was scheduled for Monday night took place Tuesday night. The University club met at seven so I did not dance. The meeting was short. Blair and I went to the princes Theatre to see "The Shepard of the Hills" at 8:15. It was a good picture but I don't like that kind of story.

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I parked on King and Bethel to get a get well card for a friend to send his daddy. I came back thirty minutes later and found a blue piece of paper on the windshield under the wiper. It was a ticket; I was parked in a loading zone. It used to be a parking place but they didn't make a good job of removing the white paint when they made the change. (I gave the ticket to Bob Thanksgiving morning.)

The ticket didn't bother me. I went on to the party. The home is in the most beautiful I've been in here. 2429 Neuana Ave. The house is better than 100 ft off the road on the top of a small mountain. The hill is all fixed up with shrubs and flowers. There is a river in the valley. All of this so on their property and is in plain view. The hostess had girls also. I had lots of fun for a while. The girl I was with had to leave at 3:30. Mrs.. Wall and Barbara came at four. I was with them the rest of the evening. I took Barbara down and showed her what a beautiful place it was. Mrs.. Wall watched us. She said we looked so romantic walking across the stream on stepping stones (I was surprised to hear her say such). We have an invitation to go back on the 27^{th} . I am going early, get a girl, and enjoy myself. We will sit under the palm trees and watch the water flow. I don't think the girl will be Barbara this time.

I spent a quiet day at home; went to the mess hall frequently. You see this was Thanksgiving day. I was on K.P. but I didn't have anything to do. First I gave Bob the traffic ticket; he took it like a man. A few hours later I carried him a cluster of bananas; about two dozen large ones. Thirty minutes later I sacked up three tho of fruit cake and a half dozen apples; he put them in the car.

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Bob, Eugene Ray, and I left at 1:30 to see Moon over Miami at the Varsity Theatre. It was a beautiful picture. We stopped by the police station and payed the fine (\$1.00) for parking in a loading zone. Then we made our deliveries to Mrs.. Cady and the Wall's. We had to make the calls short because we had dates at 7:30.

The dates were with two pretty and sweet girls Betty and Carolyn. You have heard a lot of Betty and you may hear more of Carolyn soon. It was my first date with her so won't tell too much. We had dinner at Tan Yu Chai's. It was supposed to be a Thanksgiving dinner but there food was short; we settled for a big juicy steak. We had a few dances and a short drive before telling the girls goodnight.

I went to the Post Theatre Friday night to see "Forced Landing"; a class B picture but not bad. I went to the show because I slept all day and needed to get out for a while.

Blair, Wood and I went to the Hawaii Theatre Saturday night to see "Sun Valley Serenade" – Senja Henie on ice. It was a good story.

Sunday was a big day. I was on K.Pl. from 7:30-8:30. Bob and I went to the Cady's to help prepare for that night. I took pears, raisins, grapes, candy and more nuts for decoration.

We had a nice crowd. Mr. & Mrs.. Emerson dropped in before dinner; they stayed for dinner. During the meal Mr. Mrs.. Gregg dropped in. No one knew they were coming. Three nurses from Green Hospital came after dinner. The evening ended at midnight. All of us had a wonderful time. We had hot spiced pineapple juice before dinner. We didn't eat our pie until the turkey settled. Pie was served with Port Wine. Everything went over swell.

So ends another week in Hawaii Nei. This week is not going to be as pill though I think my head is getting jealous.

Your Xmas gifts have not been mailed. I have them packed but not wrapped with heavy paper. You will find all of them in one package. Ava's, Major's, & Sue's can be distinguished by the tags. It may not seem reasonable but the package is valued at \$15 or more. Sue's doll for instance cost \$1.15. The salt and pepper shaker \$1.25. We didn't know what to get. Everything is so high and too this is no place to buy gifts.

If you will send me addresses I will send cards. I have 25 ready to send; I am getting 25 more next week. Now news so will close. Loads of Love,

Brock

Hello Every one, Just a few lines to let you know that I still the my feet. I would write a letter but I know grewent on a nountain hike Sunday. It is But has told you longthing. one great pleasure. I think I have missed lats by not going before now. I can't go to thuch and one Shike too So I have decaded to hike awhile. I will The trail was ten meles long. There were about he the same though sixty of us on the hike. Den & wo lost the thail and had to make les one. rue had lats of from a lady emithal us in and gant us sere water. De let us look though her field classes also gre saw the name on a trustehn me het. Drwas a Dr. Cooper. ne Could see all along the coast for miles which was Dix miles away. They have a wonderful view of Honolula and waitsiski. I went Dwinning when we got back If the hike. I am Crazy about the water now. We wrate Dr Howey for a recomendation. I stuted to sud it back to him stread as fallowing. 'I have known the hope for several years. As far as at burn they have no had hahits." We have it heard from both Kinn at all.

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Hello Everyone,

Just a few lines to let you know that I'm still on my feet. I would write a letter but I know Bob has told you everything.

We went on a mountain hike Sunday. It is one great pleasure. I think I have missed lots by not going before now. I can't go to church and on a hike too so I have decided to hike awhile. I will be the same though.

The trail was ten mile long. There were about sixty of us on the hike. Ten of us lost the trail and had to make us one. We had lots of fun. A lady invited us in and gave us [?] water. She let us look through her field glasses also. We saw the name on a tree when we hit. It was a Dr. Cooper. We could see all along the coast for miles which was six miles away. They have a wonderful view of Honolulu and Waikiki. I went swimming when we got back off the hike. I am crazy about the water now.

We wrote Dr. Harvey for a recommendation. I started to send it back to him it read as following. "I have known the boys for several years. As far as I know they have no bad habits". We haven't heard from Seth Ginn at all.

When we get our insurance changed I want to get it paid up to the time that the payments are supposed to be paid. I think it is April. You find out and let's get this thing in good shape. I wrote the company a letter but Bob doesn't like the sound so he is going to write it. This is what I wrote.

Since changes have come about in our family we wish for our policies to be changed in case wither of us pass away to the beneficiary is Mrs.. Bessie Brock Thornhill. If you have the papers to be signed by us we will be ready to sign at any time.

We don't like to trouble people that we are in business with but I am sure you are more than glad to make the changes for us.

Sincerely, B&B T

What is wrong with the above please tell me. I think it is a masterpiece within itself.

You will find enclosed \$5 for the necessary use. Bob got his cotton check. We sent the back payment on car; three more and it is ours.

Be Sweet and take care of yourself,

Lots of Love,

Brock

*The mentioned car was destroyed during the bombing at Pearl Harbor, so this letter must have been written before then.